GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

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BLACKMARKETING OF CNG ENGINES
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether CNG engines are being sold in the black market in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government have been taken any steps so far to check it;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (d): Vehicle manufacturers approved by The Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) alone are fitting CNG engines on diesel vehicles manufactured by them. CNG engines are not otherwise available in the market.

CNG kits are however being fitted by manufacturers as well as approved workshops forpetrol driven vehicles. While reportedly there is no shortage of CNG Kits, there appears to be some shortage of CNG cylinders which are imported.

As per available information no complaint appears to have been received regarding black marketing of CNG engines or kits in the country.